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SUMMARY: HMG HAS PROPOSED AGENDA TO ITS PARTNERS FOR
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MARCH 1-2 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WITH ITEMS ON
CSCE, CYPRUS, THE MIDDLE EAST, EASTERN EUROPE, AFRICA,
THE UN AND ASIA. CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST, THERE MAY
BE SOME TALK OF THE ADVISABILITY OF AMENDING OR REVISING
THE AGREED EC JANUARY 31 ME STATEMENT, BUT, AT THE
MOMENT, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT ANY OF THE NINE
WISH TO RETURN ACTIVELY TO THAT SUBJECT NOW OR TO

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PUBLISH ANY STATEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE ASSUME THE MOST IMPORTANT US CONTRIBUTION TO THIS POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE CLARK CLIFFORD'S BRIEFING ON CYPRUS TO THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY. IN OUR JUDGMENT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE US COULD PROVIDE THE NINE A REPORT ON SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS BY FEBRUARY 24. END SUMMARY.

1. ON FEBRUARY 16, THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AGENDA TO ITS PARTNERS FOR THE MARCH 1-2 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING:

A. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE CSCE WORKING GROUP MEETING FEBRUARY 23. THE EXPERTS DISCUSSION, AND THAT OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, WILL CENTER AROUND THESE ISSUES:

-- HOW THE EC SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT BELGRADE. THE COMMISSION IS BIDDING FOR A SEPARATE SEAT AND AN INDIVIDUAL PLACE CARD, BUT FEW BELIEVE THAT IS POSSIBLE;

-- THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS ON WHICH THE WORKING GROUP IN BRUSSELS HAS FINISHED WORK. THIS HAS SOME URGENCY BECAUSE IT ALSO TOUCHES ON THE ECE MEETING IN GENEVA IN APRIL;

-- POSSIBLE NEW PROPOSALS BY THE WEST IN BELGRADE. THE DRIFT OF THE EC IS TOWARD THE POSITION THAT ANY NEW PROPOSAL SHOULD BE A FULLER EXPRESSION OF SOMETHING ALREADY IN THE FINAL ACT;

-- HOW TO CONDUCT EVALUATION OF IMPLEMENTATION. THERE IS STILL NO CONSENSUS AMONG THE NINE ON THIS

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MATTER;

-- WHAT, IF ANY, INITIATIVE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN BELGRADE BY THE NINE ON CBMS. ALTHOUGH THE FRENCH BELIEVE THIS IS NOT WORTH PURSUING, MOST OTHERS THINK IT SHOULD BE GIVEN A PROPER PLACE IN THE REVIEW MEETING;

-- AN ASSESSMENT OF USSR AND EASTERN EUROPEAN TACTICS AT BELGRADE.

B. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE MEDITERRANEAN WORKING GROUP MEETING FEBRUARY 24. THE EXPERTS WILL PREPARE THE GROUND FOR DISCUSSION BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS ON RENEWAL OF THE EC-CYPRUS AGREEMENT. THEY WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON TURKEY OF A SECOND PHASE OF THIS AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME AS WELL AS THE MORE GENERAL IMPACT AN EXTENSION OF THE ACCORD MIGHT HAVE ON THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. THE UK HAS PREPARED A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT. THERE WILL ALSO BE A WIDE RANGING REVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS. THE BRITISH BELIEVE THE ISSUE OF TURKISH ATROCITIES ON CYPRUS HAS SETTLED DOWN FOR THE TIME BEING AND

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WILL NOT FIGURE IN THESE TALKS. MALTA IS ON THE
AGENDA BUT MAY NOT BE ADDRESSED.
C. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS
MEETING FEBRUARY 28. RICHARD FABER WILL BRIEF ON THE
TUNIS MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMISSIONOF THE EURO/ARAB

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DIALOGUE. THERE WILL BE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE

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SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN LIGHT OF RECENT HIGH LEVEL VISITS TO THE AREA. THERE ALSO MAY BE SOME
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TALK OF THE ADVISABILITY OF AMENDING OR REVISING THE AGREED EC JANUARY 31 MIDDLE EAST STATEMENT, BUT AT THE MOMENT, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT ANY OF THE NINE WISH TO RETURN ACTIVELY TO THAT SUBJECT OR PUBLISH A STATEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

D. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE EASTERN EUROPEAN EXPERTS MEETING FEBRUARY 21-22. THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE ORGANIZED AROUND A POSITION PAPER ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE GDR AND A STUDY ON DISSIDENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION. AS THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DIRECTED JANUARY 31, THE LATTER PAPER WILL ESPECIALLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

E. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE AFRICA WORKING GROUP MEETING FEBRUARY 18. HAVING CONCLUDED THEIR WORK ON THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE EXPERTS WILL UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE INTERNAL ECONOMIC SITUATION THERE AND ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

-- THE VULNERABILITY OF SOUTH AFRICA TO WORLD ECONOMIC TRENDS;

-- THE IMPORTANCE OF COLOREDS AS WORKERS AND CONSUMERS;

-- THE DEPENDENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA ON EXTERNAL TRADE;

-- THE IMPORTANCE TO THE NINE OF SOUTH AFRICA AS A MARKET AND SOURCE OF SUPPLY;

-- COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND BLACK AFRICA;

-- THE STRATEGIC VALUE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PRIMARY COMMODITIES;

-- SOUTH AFRICA'S ABILITY TO OVERCOME ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND THE IMPACT OF SUCH SANCTIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA'S DOMESTIC SITUATION.

THE AFRICA EXPERTS WILL ALSO EXAMINE EXTERNAL POLITICAL FACTORS AFFECTING SOUTH AFRICA INCLUDING:

-- SOUTH AFRICA'S DETENTE POLICY;
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-- THE PRESENT OBJECTIVES OF SOUTH AFRICA'S FOREIGN POLICY;

-- THE ATTITUDE OF BLACK AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD TO SOUTH AFRICA;

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-- THE EFFECTS OF ANY PRESSURE BLACK AFRICA AND THE THIRD WORLD MIGHT EXERT ON SOUTH AFRICA;

-- THE INFLUENCE OF LIBERATION GROUPS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA;

-- THE ROLE OF COMMUNISTS; AND

-- SOUTH AFRICA AT THE UN.

FINALLY, THE NINE WILL DISCUSS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN NAMIBIA, ANGOLA AND RHODESIA.

F. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE UN EXPERTS MEETING FEBRUARY 17. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL FINALLY CONSIDER THE VOTING RECORD OF THE NINE AT LAST YEAR'S UNGA.

G. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING FEBRUARY 4. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ONLY NOD.

H. PRESIDENCY REPORT ON THE ASIA EXPERTS MEETING FEBRUARY 21-22. THESE REPRESENTATIVES AND THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL CONSIDER INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE THREE COUNTRIES OF THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT; VIETNAM'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS; THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THAILAND; THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NINE AND AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND; POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES; AND INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA.

2. COMMENT: WE PRESUME THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT US CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PARTICULAR POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE THE BRIEFING ON CYPRUS CLARK CLIFFORD WILL GIVE THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY A DAY BEFORE THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETS. IN OUR JUDGMENT, IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF THE US COULD PROVIDE THE NINE A REPORT, EVEN IF GENERAL, ON SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MIDDLE EAST. FINALLY, WE WOULD NOTE THAT THIS AGENDA IS RICH IN POSSIBILITIES FOR US ANALYTICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AS WAS DONE FOR THE LAST EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS GATHERING. IN ANY EVENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

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